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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, a year ago at this very hour we were shocked and stunned by the catastrophic bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City. At this sacred moment of remembered grief, we join with millions of people across our land in mourning for the victims, especially the children, of this violent terrorism.

We ask You very specifically for two things this morning. Dear God, bless the families of these victims. Heal their grief and grant them a special sense of Your comfort and strength. May the outpouring of love from all over our Nation be a balm in the raw nerves and the aching wounds of their pain and anguish. And then, Holy Lord, press us forward in our battle against the fanatical forces of organized terrorism.

We thank You for the decisive legislation passed by this Senate. Now we unite our hearts in prayer that You will stay the hand of those who willfully cause suffering through acts of violent destruction. Rise up with mighty indignation, O God, and save our land from this danger. Lord God of Hosts, be with us lest we forget, lest we forget. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator DOLE, is recognized.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

Mr. DOLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask that its title be read.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Secretary will read the resolution.

The Secretary of the Senate read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 249) expressing the sense of the Senate on the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and its preamble be agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 249) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the resolution just agreed to expresses the sense of the Senate on this first anniversary of the tragic Oklahoma City bombing that took 168 lives. One of the provisions of the resolution is that the Senate join with the Nation in observing a moment of silence at 9:02 a.m. central daylight time. That moment now having arrived, I invite all Senators to join with me and with the staffs of Senators NICKLES and INHOFE who are in the gallery in observing 168 seconds of silence.

[A period of silence.]

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I now ask that the entire resolution be read.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be read.

The Secretary of the Senate read as follows:

Whereas, on Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. Central Daylight Time, a bomb exploded at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, collapsing the north face of this nine-story building, killing 168 men, women, and children and injuring scores of other innocent victims;

Whereas, today, Friday, April 19, 1996, marks the one-year anniversary of this trag-

ic event which is without equal in our nation's history;

Whereas, in the words of the Reverend Billy Graham to the families and survivors, "Someday the wounds will heal, and someday those who thought they could sew chaos and discord will be brought to justice. The wounds of this tragedy are deep, but the courage and the faith and determination of the people of Oklahoma City are even deeper";

Whereas, this was the deadliest terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil; and

Whereas, the United States Senate passed by an overwhelming margin the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act on Wednesday, April 17, 1996; Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States:

Observes a moment of silence at 9:02 a.m. Central Daylight Time in remembrance of the innocent children and adults who lost their lives or were injured in this heinous attack one year ago;

Remembers the families, friends, and loved ones of those whose lives were taken away by this abhorrent act;

Salutes the people of Oklahoma for the courage, faith and determination they have exhibited throughout the past year;

Commends the rescuers, federal agencies and countless volunteers who gave of themselves and their resources to provide aid and relief;

Commends the federal employees from across the nation who came to the aid of their co-workers during this crisis; and

Reaffirms its trust in our system of justice to ensure that the perpetrators of this heinous crime be convicted and appropriately punished so that justice may be served and carried out swiftly.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have long been inspired by the Kansas State motto: "To the Stars Through Difficulties."

The people of Oklahoma have persevered this past year through almost unimaginable difficulties with grace, with grit, and with courage. Our thoughts and prayers will remain with them as they continue to reach for the stars.

(At the request of Mr. DOLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

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• Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, today, we look back from the distance of a year's time to a tragic event without equal in our Nation's history. It is still almost impossible to believe that it actually happened—that such an abhorrent, evil act could have been committed in the heartland of America.

However, Oklahomans did not suffer through this tragedy alone. The sheer enormity of it drew the entire Nation to our side. People thought, "If something like this could happen in Oklahoma City, it could happen anywhere."

It was that awareness, I believe, coupled with the innate goodness of the American people that brought the flood of rescuers from all corners of the Nation. They came as strangers and left as friends. We will never forget them. They made us know we were not alone.

I know for many this first awful anniversary brings back the pain with a fresh intensity. But we should also recall the words of the Reverend Billy Graham who, at a memorial service in the aftermath of this evil deed, gave us hope.

He said, "Someday the wounds will heal, and someday those who thought they could sow chaos and discord will be brought to justice. The wounds of this tragedy are deep, but the courage and the faith and determination of the people of Oklahoma City are even deeper."

He was right.

We are introducing this sense-of-the-Senate resolution today because we remember. This resolution calls for a moment of silence at 9:02 a.m. central daylight time in remembrance of the innocent children and adults who lost their lives one year ago.

We remember the families, friends, and loved ones of those innocent victims, and we send you our sincerest prayers.

We remember the countless hundreds who were injured, physically and emotionally by the blast.

We remember the many more from all corners of the state and all corners of the Nation who came together to help in the rescue process and then in the healing process.

And we also are introducing this resolution because we recognize and pay tribute to the spirit of recovery, courage, and faith that has been an example and an encouragement to everyone.

I have never been more proud to be an Oklahoman.

In honor of those who lost their lives, I ask that their names be printed in the RECORD at this point.

The names are as follows:

Victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing

<i>Names</i>	<i>Ages</i>
Charles E. Hurlburt	73
John Karl Vaness III	67
Anna Jean Hurlburt	67
Donald Lee Fritzler	64
Eula Leigh Mitchell	64
Donald Earl Burns, Sr.	63
Norma Jean Johnson	62
Calvin C. Battle	62
Laura Jane Garrison	61
Olen Burl Bloomer	61

<i>Names</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Ages</i>
Luther Hartman Treanor	61	Kathy Lynn Seidl	39
Kathy Cregan	60	Kimberly Kay Clark	39
Rheta Ione Bender Long	60	Mary Leasure Rentie	39
Raymond Johnson	59	Diana Lynn Day	38
Juretta Colleen Guiles	59	Rebecca Anderson	37
Robert Glen Westberry	57	Robin Ann Huff	37
Carolyn Ann Kreymborg	57	Peggy Louise Jenkins Holland	37
Leora Lee Sells	57	Victoria Jeanette Texter	37
Mary Anne Fritzler	57	Susan Jane Ferrell	37
Virginia Mae Thompson	56	Kenneth Glenn McCullough	36
Peola Y. Battle	56	Victoria Lee Sohn	36
Peter Robert Avillanoza	56	Pamela Denise Argo	36
Richard Leroy Cummins	55	Rona Linn Chafey	35
Ronald Vernon Harding	55	Jo Ann Whittenberg	35
LaRue Ann Treanor	55	Gilbert Xavier Martinez	35
Ethel Louise Griffin	55	Wanda Lee Howell	34
Antonio C. Reyes	55	Saundra Gail "Sandy" Avery	34
Thompson Eugene Hodges, Jr.	54	James Kenneth Martin	34
Alvin Junior Justes	54	Lucio Aleman, Jr.	33
Margaret Goodson	54	Valerie Jo Koelsch	33
Oleta Christine Biddy	54	Teresa Antonette Alexander	33
David Jack Walker	54	Kim Robin Cousins	33
James Anthony McCarthy	53	Michelle Ann Reeder	33
Carol L. Bowers	53	Andrea Y. Blanton	33
Linda Coleen Housley	53	Karen Gist Carr	32
John Albert Youngblood	52	Christi Yolanda Jenkins	32
Robert Nolan Walker, Jr.	52	Jamie Lee Genzer	32
Thomas Lynn Hawthorne, Sr.	52	Trudy Rigney	32
Robert Chipman	51	Ronota Ann Woodbridge	31
Dolores Marie Stratton	51	Benjamin Laranzo Davis	29
Jules Alfonso Valdez	51	Kimberly Ruth Burgess	29
John Thomas Stewart	51	Tresia Jo Mathes-Worton	28
Mickey Bryant Maroney	50	Mark Allen Bolte	28
John Clayton Moss III	50	Randolph Guzman	28
Carole Sue Khalil	50	Sheila R. Gigger Driver	28
Emilio Tapia-Rangel	50	Karan Denise Shepherd	27
James Everette Boles	50	Sonja Lynn Sanders	27
Donald R. Leonard	50	Derwin Wade Miller	27
Castine Deveroux	49	Jill Diane Randolph	27
Clarence Eugene Wilson	49	Anita Hightower	27
Wanda Lee Watkins	49	Carrie Ann Lenz	26
Michael Lee Loudenslager	48	Cynthia Lynn Campbell Brown	26
Carrol June Fields	48	Cassandra K. Booker	25
Frances Ann Williams	48	Shelly Deann (Turner) Bland	25
Claudine Ritter	48	Scott Dwain Williams	24
Ted Leon Allen	48	Dana LeAnne Cooper	24
Linda Gail Griffin McKinney	47	Kathry Ridley	24
Patricia "Trish" Ann Nix	47	Julie Marie Welch	23
Betsy Janice McGonnell	47	Frankie Ann Merrell	23
David Neil Burkett	47	Christine Nicole Rosas	22
Michael George Thompson	47	Lakesha Levy	21
Catherine Mary Leinen	47	Cartney J. McRaven	19
Sharon Louise Wood Chesnut	47	Aaron M. Coverdale	5
Ricky Lee Tomlin	46	Ashley Megan Eckles	4
Larry James Jones	46	Zackary Taylor Chavez	3
Richard Arthur Allen	46	Kayla Marie Haddock	3
Harley Richard Cottingham	46	Peachlyn Bradley	3
Lanny Lee David Scroggins	46	Chase Dalton Smith	3
Gilberto Martinez	45	Anthony Christopher Cooper II	2
George Michael Howard	45	Colton Smith	2
Jerry Lee Parker	45	Elijah Coverdale	2
Judy Joann Fisher	45	Dominique R. London	2
Diane Elaine Hollingsworth Althouse	45	Baylee Almon	1
Michael D. Weaver	45	Jaci Rae Coyne	1
Robert Lee Luster, Jr.	45	Blake Ryan Kennedy	1
Peter Leslie DeMaster	44	Tevin D'Aundrea Garrett	1
Katherine Ann Finley	44	Danielle Nicole Bell	1
Doris Adele Higginbottom	44	Tylor S. Eaves	8 months
Steven Douglas Curry	44	Antonio Ansara Cooper, Jr.	6 months
Michael Joe Carrillo	44	Kevin Lee Gottshall II	6 months
Cheryl E. Bradley Hammon	44	Gabreon Bruce	4 months
Aurelia Donna Luster	43	(At the request of Mr. DOLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)	
Linda L. Florence	43	• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, the 1-year anniversary of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City reminds us of many things. We recall the emotional shock and grief. We visualize the physical destruction and devastation. We revisit the still unanswered questions: Why this terrible deed and why Oklahoma, of all places?	
Claudette Meek	43	But at the same time, we must also remember the remarkable flowering of	
William Stephen Williams	42		
Johnny Allen Wade	42		
Larry Laverne Turner	42		
Brenda Faye Daniels	42		
Margaret Louise Clark Spencer	42		
Paul Gregory Broxterman	42		
Paul Douglas Ice	42		
Woodrow Clifford "Woody" Brady	41		
Clause Arthur Medearis	41		
Teresa Lea Lauderdale	41		
Terry Smith Rees	41		
Alan Gerald Whicher	40		
Lola Renee Bolden	40		

the true spirit of our great Nation. In the wake of unspeakable pain and adversity, there came extraordinary acts of heroism, compassion, and voluntarism. There came a unity of purpose and strength of faith few would have believed possible.

We were moved beyond words by the outpouring of help and assistance which came without solicitation from friends far and wide, from caring individuals, public servants, private organizations, and communities throughout Oklahoma and throughout America. We were reminded what a truly great country this is and how blessed we are here in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On behalf of all of us in Oklahoma, thank you, America. Thank you for helping. Thank you for caring. Thank you for being there in this most difficult time of need.

Nothing anyone can do will erase the indelible scars, pain, and loss that innocent citizens in our State have suffered. But the memories of the generosity and compassion displayed by so many will live in our hearts forever.●

Mr. DOLE. Let me now yield to my distinguished colleague from Illinois.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. I thank the Senator.

I join my colleague, the majority leader, in his prayers for the families of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing and the entire American family for the great tragedy that event caused to all of us.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN BOSNIA

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. At this time, Mr. President, I also call upon my colleagues and the American people to offer a prayer in behalf of the late Secretary of Commerce, Ron Brown, and the 34 others who died with him that tragic day in Bosnia. They were serving our Nation. They were pursuing the goals of peace, and their deaths all came too soon. Because of those losses, as a country we have lost so much.

I appreciate the majority leader giving us this opportunity to express our great sympathy and condolences to their families and again to give us a chance to reaffirm the mission; that they have all given their lives in pursuit of the higher goals of our Nation. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

Mr. DOLE. I now ask, in response to the statement by my colleague from Illinois, that we now observe a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Ron Brown and others who died in that tragic accident.

[A period of silence.]

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, is the order morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. We are in morning business, but the first part of morning business is controlled by the Senator from Georgia, Senator COVERDELL.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 5 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I wonder if following the Senator, I could speak for 4 minutes in morning business?

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I say to the Senator from Alaska, we have people trying to catch aircraft. Is it an absolute necessity he have the time? Otherwise, on the time we control, I am trying to accommodate people who are trying to catch aircraft, so I cannot relinquish and relinquish. Does that create a problem for my colleague?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. What is the order of business, if I may ask the Chair?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The order of business at the present time is we are in morning business and the Senator from Nebraska, under a previous order, has 5 minutes.

Mr. COVERDELL. Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. COVERDELL. Is it not true the Senator from Georgia has control of 1 hour and 15 minutes?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. COVERDELL. We relinquished 5 minutes to the Senator from Nebraska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct. The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. The Senator from Alaska has asked for 4 minutes following the Senator from Nebraska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. COVERDELL. Reserving the right to object, I am going to grant the 4 minutes, but I want it to be known that I will ask to recover these 10 minutes at the end of it, because we have people who are lined up. Again, I am trying to accommodate people, so this will be the last I will acknowledge.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the time will not be taken out of the time of the Senator from Georgia.

The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

IRAN-BOSNIA

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I rise to discuss the investigation which the Select Committee on Intelligence has undertaken at the majority leader's request regarding allegations that the administration may have secretly acquiesced in or facilitated Iranian arms shipments to the Bosnian Moslems in 1994 and 1995, in violation of stated United States policy. This is a serious request made by a Senator long involved with United States policy in Bosnia. Some have said this request was made for political reasons. Perhaps that is the case. But there is also sufficient reason to believe the Senator from Kansas would have made this request regardless of the political climate or season.

The Intelligence Committee begins this task with a solid base of information because we received some, but not all, of the intelligence available to the administration at the time the Iranian arms shipments were occurring. Our committee has been reviewing and adding to that information base in the 2 weeks since Chairman SPECTER received the majority leader's request. We are well positioned to do a thorough job for the Senate on the sensitive intelligence issues surrounding this matter, particularly the question of whether or not the administration conducted a covert action without informing Congress.

In addition to our familiarity with the topic, the Intelligence Committee is also likely to do a good job on its part of this investigation because we are a bipartisan committee. In setting the strength and composition of the committee, the Senate directed, in Senate Resolution 400, that our membership be close to balance at nine majority members and eight minority, regardless of the composition of the Senate floor, and that the senior minority member function as a vice chairman, not as a ranking member. In creating the Intelligence Committee, the Senate clearly believed that intelligence was too sensitive to be overseen in a partisan, adversarial manner. Chairman SPECTER approaches his leadership duties on the committee in that non-partisan spirit, and so do I.

The history of this committee is replete with conduct like that of Senators COHEN and WARNER, BOREN, NUNN, MOYNIHAN, and others, who have come to this committee and said we are not going to serve in a partisan fashion. We are not going to answer the call of our party, we are going to answer the call of our country. The present and future course of this committee should be as well.

Open allegations against the administration, and a requirement to investigate those allegations, can strain even the most sincere commitment to bipartisanship. Those strains have not